April 17, 2015
RE: S.C.R. No. 158

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 158 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO EXAMINE IF AND HOW OTHER STATES REGULATE TOUR OPERATORS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address unauthorized activity on managed and closed areas by commercial tour operators and excursion groups and ensure the safety of touring residents and visitors by requesting the Legislative Reference Bureau to examine and report to the Legislature on whether and how other states regulate tour operators within their jurisdiction.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources supported this measure. The Legislative Reference Bureau offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 158 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Tourism,

TOM BROWER, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 158	Committee Referral:	Dat	e: 4/15/	15	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
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2. OHNO, Takashi (VC)					
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.					
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4. CHOY, Isaac W.					
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5. DECOITE, Lynn					
6. ITO, Ken					
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7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.					
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8. KONG, Sam Satoru					
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.					
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane					
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11. TSUJI, Clift					
12. WOODSON, Justin H.					
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13. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohi	lani				
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14. WARD, Gene		0	0		
TOTAL (14)	11			3	
The recommendation is: Adop	eferral,	□ Not Adopted did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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